

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 1997 - 0900 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Firefighters made good progress on the large fires in the Northwest and Southern California Areas. Resource mobilization through NICC moderated. Very high and extreme fire indices continue to be reported on units in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Oregon and Washington.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

MILE POST 248, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and brush, 6 miles east of Meacham, OR. Firefighters made good progress on line construction and mop-up operations have begun. Strong winds and steep terrain are creating control problems.

GOLD CREEK, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is located 20 miles southwest of Ellensburg, WA. High temperatures and 25 MPH winds challenged control efforts. Firefighters attacked a 4 acre spot fire north of State Route 140. Structure protection engines are standing by in case precautionary measures are necessary. Residents have been advised to stay out of the area.

RED LAKE, Washington State Department Of Natural Resources. A Type II Incident Management Team (Flanigan) is assigned. This fire, previously reported as Highway 291, is burning 30 miles northwest of Spokane near the community of Tumtum. Steep, rocky terrain with grass and timber fuels have made line construction difficult. Firefighters contained one spot fire at 7 acres, and are concerned about additional spot fires. Homes and structures on the northeast portion of the fire are threatened. One residence was destroyed.

OLD TRAILS, Washington State Department Of Natural Resources. This fire began in Airway Heights, a suburb of Spokane, and is burning north toward Riverside State Park. Firefighters made good progress on line construction. Mop-up operations are going well. Structure protection is in place for homes in the vicinity of the fire.

GABLE CREEK, Prineville District BLM. This fire is located near Mitchell, OR. Firefighters made good progress on line construction despite strong, erratic winds. One historic cabin was destroyed. Current threats include structures at Gable Creek Ranch and winter range.

| INCIDENT | UNIT | ST | SIZE | % | EST | TOTAL | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC | EST | \$\$\$ |
|---------------|------|----|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|------|--------|
| | | | CTN | CTN | CTN | PERS | | | | LOST | LOSS | C-T-D |
| MILE POST 248 | UMF | OR | 600 | 25 | 8/17 | 463 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 0 | NR | 200K |
| GOLD CREEK | WEF | WA | 250 | 0 | UNK | 400 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 0 | NR | NR |
| RED LAKE | DNR | WA | 1,200 | 0 | UNK | 489 | 19 | 57 | 2 | 0 | NR | NR |
| OLD TRAILS | DNR | WA | 500 | 0 | UNK | 250 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 2 | 2M | 750K |

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| GABLE CREEK | PRD | OR | 750 | 80 | 8/16 | 25 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 15K | NR |
| STAR | UMF | WA | 2,400 | 100 | --- | 64 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | NR | NR |

UMF = Umatilla NF

The Northwest Area has 1 other large fire burning for 250 acres.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

NARROWS, ANGELES NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. The fire is in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness in the east fork of the San Gabriel Canyon, four miles southwest of Wrightwood, CA. Firefighters were successful with suppression efforts yesterday. Structure protection has been established on the outskirts of Wrightwood. Extremely steep and rugged terrain have created concerns for firefighters safety.

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|----------|------|----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|------|------|--------|
| | | | | CTN | CTN | PERS | | | | LOST | LOSS | C-T-D |
| NARROWS | ANF | CA | 7,510 | 27 | UNK | 1,121 | 49 | 81 | 15 | 0 | NR | 1.1M |
| SCOTCH | BDU | CA | 1,194 | 100 | --- | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | NR | NR |

BDU = San Bernardino Ranger Unit, California State

OUTLOOK:

Washington will be partly sunny and dry in the west. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are forecast over eastern Washington and the Cascades. Areas of patchy morning fog are possible in western Washington and along the coast. Western temperatures will be in the lower 70's and 80's. Temperatures in eastern Washington will range from the 70's in the north to the 90's in the south.

Oregon will be mostly sunny with a slight chance of afternoon showers over the eastern mountains. The northwestern interior and coastal areas will have morning fog. Temperatures will range from 65 along the coast to the 90's in the southwest interior.

California will be mostly sunny with breezy conditions over the higher terrain.

Morning fog and low clouds are possible along the coast and coastal valleys. A slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms exists from Lake Tahoe to the central Sierra crest. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's along the coast and in the mountains. Inland valley and desert temperatures will range from the 90's to near 100.

Nevada will be mostly sunny in the west and partly cloudy in the east. Breezy afternoon winds are possible across the central and southern sections. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's throughout the state.

A low pressure system will move into the central interior section of Alaska, pushing the high pressure system eastward into Canada. Western Alaska will be partly cloudy, and southeastern Alaska will be mostly sunny. Mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers are predicted in the south and central portions of the state. Clouds and showers will spread into eastern Alaska during the afternoon, bringing a slight chance of

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| EASTERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| SOUTHERN | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| USA | 96 | 56 | 91 | 144 | 45 | 7 | 18 | 2 | 215 | 327 |

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

ST/O = STATE OR OTHER RESOURCES

NR = NO REPORT

FIRES: Year to date

| AREA | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | STATES | USFS | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| ALASKA | 6 | 86 | 51 | 14 | 520 | 11 | 688 |
| NORTHWEST | 166 | 203 | 19 | 77 | 762 | 688 | 1,915 |
| CA-NORTH | 67 | 56 | 2 | 17 | 1,983 | 653 | 2,778 |
| CA-SOUTH | 97 | 312 | 3 | 56 | 4,814 | 1,278 | 6,560 |
| NORTHERN | 422 | 25 | 23 | 8 | 236 | 318 | 1,032 |
| GB-EAST | 548 | 338 | | 34 | 168 | 345 | 1,433 |
| GB-WEST | | 293 | | 16 | 58 | 155 | 522 |
| SOUTHWEST | 1,095 | 151 | 16 | 65 | 747 | 1,426 | 3,500 |
| ROCKY MTN | 399 | 299 | 2 | 25 | 708 | 281 | 1,714 |
| EASTERN | 548 | | | 34 | 9,524 | 381 | 10,487 |
| SOUTHERN | 4 | | 89 | 53 | 16,836 | 563 | 17,545 |
| USA | 3,352 | 1,763 | 205 | 399 | 36,356 | 6,099 | 48,174 |
| 10 YEAR AVERAGE | | | | | | | 55,852 |

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

| AREA | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | STATES | USFS | TOTAL |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| ALASKA | 28 | 806,490 | 760,990 | 19,670 | 292,769 | 32 | 1,879,979 |
| NORTHWEST | 803 | 11,899 | 5,796 | 23 | 3,289 | 4,418 | 26,228 |
| CA-NORTH | 99 | 545 | 30 | 2,316 | 6,087 | 1,172 | 10,249 |
| CA-SOUTH | 667 | 7,574 | 2,418 | 2,366 | 27,171 | 98,100 | 138,296 |
| NORTHERN | 3,306 | 470 | 1,119 | 5 | 1,212 | 462 | 6,574 |
| GB-EAST | 40 | 26,177 | | 38 | 7,157 | 784 | 34,196 |
| GB-WEST | | 35,347 | | 38 | 7,042 | 3,828 | 46,255 |
| SOUTHWEST | 12,099 | 4,510 | 1,769 | 1,658 | 118,950 | 13,659 | 152,645 |
| ROCKY MTN | 14,293 | 5,723 | 21 | 1,391 | 24,203 | 915 | 46,546 |
| EASTERN | 3,190 | | | 120 | 46,105 | 5,226 | 54,641 |
| SOUTHERN | 12 | | 9,795 | 2,016 | 222,497 | 13,094 | 247,414 |
| USA | 34,537 | 898,735 | 781,938 | 29,641 | 756,482 | 141,690 | 2,643,023 |
| 10 YEAR AVERAGE | | | | | | | 2,193,672 |

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

| PROVINCES | YESTERDAY | | YEAR TO DATE | |
|----------------------|-----------|----|--------------|---------|
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 26 | 67 | 892 | 2,198 |
| YUKON TERRITORY | 0 | 0 | 102 | 10,127 |
| ALBERTA | 1 | 0 | 390 | 804 |
| NORTHWEST TERRITORY | 0 | 0 | 98 | 36,388 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 1 | 8 | 451 | 3,729 |
| MANITOBA | 1 | 0 | 352 | 17,570 |
| ONTARIO | 10 | 9 | 1,415 | 27,940 |
| QUEBEC | 7 | 1 | 778 | 364,980 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 0 | 0 | 105 | 9,473 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 0 | 0 | 285 | 128 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 0 | 0 | 301 | 477 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 0 | 0 | 31 | 93 |
| NATIONAL PARKS | 0 | 0 | 51 | 298 |

|TOTALS | 46 | 85 | 5,251 | 474,205 |
A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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